

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Synthase For Novel Substrate  
Specificity

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Examiner: D. Steadman

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**Amendment and Response**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2000 (Paper No. 12) as follows.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16516.117.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on September 9, 2002.

**Amendments****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 8-27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter and amend the claims as follows: